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Section 6
Legal activities

Overview

6.1 The Office of Legal Affairs is responsible for the implementation of the work programme under this section. The Office provides legal advice and services in operational matters to United Nations organs, bodies and Secretariat units and is responsible for meeting the needs of Member States in dealing with legal, political, economic, scientific, technical and environmental aspects of the law of the sea and marine affairs. The work programme of the Office of Legal Affairs is guided by the General Assembly, which is assisted by UNCITRAL and the International Law Commission.

6.2 The activities for which the Office of Legal Affairs is responsible fall under the framework of programme 9, International law, and programme 10, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, which comprise major programme II, Implementation, codification and progressive development of international law, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

6.3 Programme 9, International law, aims at providing legal advice and services in operational matters to United Nations organs, bodies and Secretariat units.

6.4 Programme 10, Law of the sea and ocean affairs, aims at responding to the needs of Member States in dealing with the legal, political, economic, scientific, technical and environmental aspects of the law of the sea and marine affairs.

6.5 The overall level of resources proposed for the Office of Legal Affairs for the biennium 1996-1997 amounts to $29,370,000, reflecting a negative growth of $2,062,500 (6.5 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 1994-1995. Reductions arising from the discontinuation of the office of the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at Kingston, the downward reclassification of one D-1 post to the P-5 level in the Division and reductions under external printing are partly offset by the addition of one P-3 post for the General Legal Division, the upgrading of one P-2 post to the P-3 level for the position of Librarian in the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and enhancements to the United Nations Treaty Information System (UNTIS) in the Treaty Section.

6.6 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the major programme in 1996-1997 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	10.3	6.8
B.	Programme of work		
	1. International law	64.0	92.2
	2. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	22.2	1.0
C.	Programme support	3.5	–
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

6.7 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Programme 1. International law		
Subprogramme 1 Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole	10.0	28.9
Subprogramme 2 Custody, registration and publication of treaties	23.6	—
Subprogramme 3 Progressive development and codification of international law	15.6	5.4
Subprogramme 4 General legal services to United Nations organs and programmes	12.8	59.0
Subprogramme 5 Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	12.3	5.6
Programme 2. Law of the sea and ocean affairs		
Subprogramme 1 Promoting uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and providing advice and information to States	11.0	1.1
Subprogramme 2 Assisting marine policy development and integrated ocean management by States in the context of the comprehensive ocean regime	6.6	—
Subprogramme 3 Support to organizations within the United Nations system and harmonization of marine affairs activities in the context of the Convention	3.5	—
Subprogramme 4 Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and support to the future Authority and Tribunal	1.1	—
Subprogramme 5 Servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf established by the Convention and other intergovernmental bodies, and execution of additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention	3.5	—
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 1 of programme 1 and subprogrammes 1, 2 and 4 of programme 2 have been designated high priority.

Table 6.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs							
1. International Law Commission	1 721.7	2 203.7	(339.6)	(15.4)	1 864.1	83.5	1 947.6
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	311.8	356.0	(20.0)	(5.6)	336.0	29.1	365.1
3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)	778.3	1 040.6	(200.7)	(19.2)	839.9	40.3	880.2
4. Special meetings and conferences							
(a) Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)	603.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	138.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**3 553.7**	**3 600.3**	**(560.3)**	**(15.5)**	**3 040.0**	**152.9**	**3 192.9**
B. Programme of work							
1. International law							
1. Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole	4 175.2	3 635.7	(1 112.6)	(30.6)	2 523.1	137.3	2 660.4
2. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	5 712.3	5 852.5	122.1	2.0	5 974.6	276.0	6 250.6
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	3 186.9	3 981.4	(28.7)	(0.7)	3 952.7	225.6	4 178.3
4. General legal services to United Nations organs and programmes	2 690.8	3 238.7	3.1	—	3 241.8	192.3	3 434.1
5. Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	2 680.9	3 159.4	(50.1)	(1.5)	3 109.3	337.5	3 446.8
2. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	6 315.7	7 964.5	(1 458.6)	(18.3)	6 505.9	367.8	6 873.7
Subtotal	**24 761.8**	**27 832.2**	**(2 524.8)**	**(9.0)**	**25 307.4**	**1 536.5**	**26 843.9**
C. Programme support	—	—	1 022.6	—	1 022.6	47.9	1 070.5
Subtotal	**—**	**—**	**1 022.6**	**—**	**1 022.6**	**47.9**	**1 070.5**
Total	**28 315.5**	**31 432.5**	**(2 062.5)**	**(6.5)**	**29 370.0**	**1 737.3**	**31 107.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations	
1 586.4	2 939.8	Support to extrabudgetary administrative structures	2 818.5
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	
83.3	635.1	Peace-keeping operations	635.1
		(b) Substantive activities	
222.5	193.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Symposia	193.0
107.1	104.1	Trust Fund for the Seminar on International Law	187.8
53.3	42.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law — The Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship	40.0
4.1	—	Trust Fund for Special Aspects of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	—
20.3	129.6	Trust Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Participating in the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	—
392.0	460.2	Trust Fund for the Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)	—
32.5	120.5	Special Account for the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for Pioneer Investors' Application Fees	—
—	—	Voluntary Fund to grant travel assistance to developing countries members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	10.0
4.9	8.7	Trust Fund for the Gilberto Amado Memorial Lecture	9.7
		(c) Operational projects	
186.0	186.0	Bilateral sources	—
2 692.9	**4 819.0**		**3 894.1**
31 008.4	**36 251.5**		**35 001.4**

Table 6.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	20 111.1	23 112.6	(564.2)	(2.4)	22 548.4	1 397.5	23 945.9
Other staff costs	1 344.5	1 148.7	(752.8)	(65.5)	395.9	19.3	415.2
Consultants and experts	757.2	528.0	143.3	27.1	671.3	36.0	707.3
Travel	2 467.0	2 533.3	(92.4)	(3.6)	2 440.9	129.9	2 570.8
Contractual services	2 070.5	2 390.9	(562.6)	(23.5)	1 828.3	82.4	1 910.7
General operating expenses	989.6	782.4	(519.8)	(66.4)	262.6	12.1	274.7
Supplies and materials	88.9	85.8	(41.0)	(47.7)	44.8	2.2	47.0
Furniture	—	—	218.7	—	218.7	10.6	229.3
Equipment	169.3	509.2	108.3	21.2	617.5	30.7	648.2
Fellowships, grants, contributions	317.4	341.6	—	—	341.6	16.6	358.2
Total	**28 315.5**	**31 432.5**	**(2 062.5)**	**(6.5)**	**29 370.0**	**1 737.3**	**31 107.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
1 807.2	3 760.9	Posts	3 398.4
158.3	176.1	Other staff costs	—
—	230.0	Consultants and experts	82.6
389.9	405.1	Travel	171.6
7.7	23.6	Contractual services	2.2
24.7	22.7	General operating expenses	11.5
—	54.5	Supplies and materials	—
139.6	—	Equipment	—
165.5	146.1	Fellowships, grants, contributions	227.8
2 692.9	**4 819.0**		**3 894.1**
31 008.4	**36 251.5**		**35 001.4**

Table 6.3 **Post requirements**

Programme: Legal activities

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	3	3	—	—	1	1	4	4
D-1	10	9	—	—	1	1	11	10
P-5	18	19	—	—	2	2	20	21
P-4/3	33	35	—	—	6	4	39	39
P-2/1	14	13	—	—	2	2	16	15
Total	**79**	**80**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**10**	**91**	**90**
General Service category								
Principal level	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
Other levels	58	58	—	—	7	7	65	65
Total	**65**	**65**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**	**72**	**72**
Grand total	**144**	**145**	**—**	**—**	**19** [a]	**17** [b]	**163**	**162**

[a] Includes 15 posts funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures (one D-2, one D-1, one P-5, one P-4, two P-3, two P-2/1 and seven General Service); three posts funded from the peace-keeping support account (one P-5, one P-4 and one P-3); and one Junior Professional Officer (P-3 level).

[b] Includes 14 posts funded from support to extrabudgetary administrative structures (one D-2, one D-1, one P-5, one P-4, one P-3, two P-2/1 and seven General Service); and one P-5, one P-4 and one P-3 funded from the peace-keeping support account.

A. Policy-making organs

1. International Law Commission

Table 6.4 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel	1 378.1	1 604.4	—	—	1 604.4	82.2	1 686.6
Contractual services	343.6	599.3	(339.6)	(56.6)	259.7	1.3	261.0
Total	**1 721.7**	**2 203.7**	**(339.6)**	**(15.4)**	**1 864.1**	**83.5**	**1 947.6**

6.8 The International Law Commission was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947. The Commission has as its objective the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification. It consists of 34 members who are persons of recognized competence in international law. The Commission meets annually for 12 weeks and reports to the Assembly, which provides guidance to the Commission on its programme of work. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs provides substantive servicing for the Commission.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel

6.9 The estimated requirements of $1,604,400, relate to the travel and subsistence allowance of the members of the Commission ($1,396,000) and of the Legal Counsel and six staff members from the Codification Division to service the meetings of the Commission at Geneva ($208,400). The provision would cover the costs of (a) attendance by the Chairman and 32 members at the annual 12-week session at Geneva, one member being located at Geneva; (b) attendance by the Chairman at the regular sessions of the General Assembly during consideration of the Commission's reports; and (c) attendance by the Chairman or another representative of the Commission at the sessions of the four regional legal intergovernmental bodies (two weeks each) with which the Commission, pursuant to its statute, has established links of cooperation.

Contractual services

6.10 The provision ($259,700) reflects a negative growth of $339,600 and would provide for the external printing costs of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission* ($27,700); and honoraria of the Chairman and 32 members of the Commission, one member being excluded from accepting the payment by national legislation, and additional amounts payable to 6 special rapporteurs, at the rates set by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980 ($232,000). The reduction under contractual services ($339,600) relates to provisions for external printing which have been the subject of reductions throughout the programme budget based both on past expenditure patterns and on benefits arising from investment in internal printing capacity.

2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Table 6.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel	92.9	139.9	—	—	139.9	12.0	151.9
Contractual services	218.9	216.1	(20.0)	(9.2)	196.1	17.1	213.2
Total	**311.8**	**356.0**	**(20.0)**	**(5.6)**	**336.0**	**29.1**	**365.1**

6.11 UNCITRAL, consisting of 36 Member States, is charged by the General Assembly in its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 with the development of the progressive unification and harmonization of international trade law, which corresponds to subprogramme 5 below. The Commission carries out its tasks with the assistance of the International Trade Law Branch as its secretariat in one annual meeting of varying duration of up to 6 weeks in length, but usually of 3 or 4 weeks duration, and in working group meetings on specialized topics of up to a total of 12 weeks per year.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel

6.12 The estimated requirements of $139,900 relate to attendance by the Chairman of UNCITRAL at meetings of the Sixth Committee during its consideration of the report of the Commission and travel of participants to the UNCITRAL Conference on International Trade Law, which will be held in conjunction with the thirtieth session of UNCITRAL at Vienna in 1997, as well as travel of staff from Vienna to provide substantive and technical service for one session of UNCITRAL in New York and six sessions of working groups outside Vienna, and to assist in servicing the Sixth Committee.

Contractual services

6.13 Estimated requirements of $196,100 relate to the external printing costs of the *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law* and the second edition of the book on UNCITRAL, as well as the reprinting of previously published texts.

3. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (including its secretariat)

Table 6.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	321.0	328.0	—	—	328.0	18.2	346.2
Other staff costs	37.8	169.7	(167.5)	(98.7)	2.2	0.2	2.4
Travel	360.1	439.5	(28.9)	(6.5)	410.6	19.6	430.2
Contractual services	55.8	87.0	—	—	87.0	1.8	88.8
General operating expenses	3.6	11.1	—	—	11.1	0.5	11.6
Supplies and materials	—	1.0	—	—	1.0	—	1.0
Equipment	—	4.3	(4.3)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**778.3**	**1 040.6**	**(200.7)**	**(19.2)**	**839.9**	**40.3**	**880.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations	
90.8	265.4	Support to extrabudgetary administrative structures	265.4
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
90.8	**265.4**		**265.4**
869.1	**1 306.0**		**1 145.6**

Table 6.7 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: United Nations Administrative Tribunal

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**
General Service category								
Other levels	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**4**

6.14 The United Nations Administrative Tribunal is the independent organ competent to hear and pass judgement upon applications alleging non-observance of contracts of employment of staff members of the United Nations Secretariat or of their terms of appointment. It was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949. The Tribunal is composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State, who are appointed by the Assembly initially for three years and may be reappointed. The competence of the Tribunal extends to the secretariats of the associated programmes that are financed from voluntary contributions.

6.15 Under article 14 of its statute, the competence of the Tribunal has also been extended to IMO, ICAO and UNRWA.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Substantive services. Substantive, technical and administrative servicing of the sessions of the Administrative Tribunal, including preparation of draft summaries of facts and contentions of parties for judgements to be rendered by the Tribunal; analysis and research of documentation relevant to cases on appeal to the Tribunal; consultations with administrations of subsidiary organs of the United Nations, the secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and the administrations of the specialized

agencies subject to the jurisdiction of the Administrative Tribunal (ICAO, IMO and UNRWA); and conducting the external relations of the Tribunal, including its relations with the secretariat of ILO.

2. Published material

Recurrent publications. Judgements of the Administrative Tribunal, volumes XI and XII, each in English and French.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.16 Estimated requirements of $328,000, at maintenance base level, would provide for the continuation of one P-5 post and one General Service (Other level) post.

Other staff costs

6.17 The resource requirements under this heading ($2,200) would provide for overtime to assist the Tribunal in reducing the current backlog. Continuation of the provision made in 1994-1995 for the publication of case material and for updating the computerized index of the Tribunal will not be renewed in 1996.

Travel

6.18 The provision of $410,600, reflecting a negative growth of $28,900, relates to reduced requirements for travel in connection with the attendance of seven members of the Administrative Tribunal at two sessions to be held in New York and two at Geneva for a total of 34 days, as compared to 11 weeks in the current biennium ($336,600); and to travel of four staff members to service two meetings at Geneva ($74,000).

Contractual services

6.19 The estimated requirements under this heading ($87,000) would provide for the cost of external printing of volumes XI and XII of the *Judgements of the Administrative Tribunal* in English and in French ($29,700); for payment of honoraria to members of the Tribunal at the rates set by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 ($46,000); and for database acquisition and rental, and usage fees for the computerized index of case law of the Administrative Tribunals of the United Nations and ILO (LEXIS) ($11,300).

General operating expenses

6.20 The estimated requirements of $11,100 relate to telephone charges and maintenance of office automation equipment.

Supplies and materials

6.21 A provision of $1,000 is requested for data-processing supplies.

B. Programme of work

1. International law

Overview

6.22 The Office of Legal Affairs provides the necessary legal services to Headquarters units, the regional offices, field operations and United Nations organs and bodies, including UNDP and UNICEF. The Office also protects the interests, privileges and immunities of the Organization by representing it, as it deems appropriate, in forums in which such questions may arise. The Legal Counsel represents the Secretary-General before the International Court of Justice and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal. It also services the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly, the International Law Commission, the codification conferences and UNCITRAL.

6.23 The proposals for 1996-1997 reflect a number of changes to the organizational structure of the Office of Legal Affairs. With the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will cease to exist during the present biennium. In this connection, the office of the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at Kingston will be discontinued and accompanying resources will no longer be required. Additional functions, however, will be carried out in the new biennium in connection with the preparation and establishment of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, which is expected to commence activities in 1996. With regard to Headquarters, commencing in 1996, the Executive Office functions of the Office of Legal Affairs will be separated from the Office of the Legal Counsel and established as a separate office within the department. With respect to the Organization's responsibility for the custody, registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, efforts are continuing to computerize operations to the extent possible to provide Member States with on-line access to treaty information. In this regard, it is proposed to provide resources in 1996-1997 in connection with the creation and implementation of the UNTIS/LAN workflow system in the Treaty Section.

Subprogramme 1
Overall direction, management and coordination of legal advice and services to the United Nations as a whole

Table 6.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 632.3	3 202.9	(789.9)	(24.6)	2 413.0	132.3	2 545.3
Other staff costs	141.1	224.4	(224.4)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	206.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel	32.1	50.0	—	—	50.0	2.3	52.3
Contractual services	1.2	51.5	(41.5)	(80.5)	10.0	0.5	10.5
General operating expenses	128.6	60.3	(31.4)	(52.0)	28.9	1.3	30.2
Supplies and materials	6.9	8.3	(4.0)	(48.1)	4.3	0.3	4.6
Equipment	26.8	38.3	(21.4)	(55.8)	16.9	0.6	17.5
Total	**4 175.2**	**3 635.7**	**(1 112.6)**	**(30.6)**	**2 523.1**	**137.3**	**2 660.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations	
570.1	1 047.4	Support to extrabudgetary administrative structures	1 047.4
		(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	
83.8	—	Peace-keeping operations	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
392.0	460.2	Trust Fund for the Commission of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total	**1 045.9**	**1 507.6**		**1 047.4**
Total (1) and (2)	**5 221.1**	**5 143.3**		**3 707.8**

Table 6.9 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Office of the Legal Counsel

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
P-4/3	3	2	—	—	1	1	4	3
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**10**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**12**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	9	5	—	—	2	2	11	7
Total	**10**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**12**	**8**
Grand total	**20**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**	**24**	**18**

6.24 The principal orientation of the subprogramme will continue to be the legal aspects of peace-keeping operations and political activities of the Organization, including subsidiary organs created by the Security Council, good offices missions of the Secretary-General and questions relating to Chapter VII of the Charter.

6.25 The Office of the Legal Counsel is responsible for the implementation of the subprogramme and provides overall direction, supervision and management of all legal activities under this programme budget section.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices, fact-finding, emergency and humanitarian relief services and legal services:

(i) Ensuring that necessary and appropriate legal regimes and mandates are established for all peace-keeping operations and various good offices and other missions undertaken by the United Nations; providing legal advice to operationally responsible units at Headquarters and in the field; participation in the negotiation of legal instruments with parties concerned on such legal regimes and mandates;

(ii) Implementation of specific tasks of a legal nature mandated by the Security Council or its subsidiary organs in the field of international peace and security;

(iii) Advice to the Security Council and its subsidiary organs on legal ramifications of resolutions and decisions taken in the field of peace and security, including participation in the work of the relevant bodies and provision of legal advice regarding implementation of decisions;

(iv) Preparation of reports or analyses requested by the Security Council dealing with complex and often innovative legal initiatives;

(v) Performance of the legal responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Statute of the International Court of Justice with regard to regular and casual elections of members of the Court in the General Assembly and the Security Council;

(vi) Representation of the Secretary-General at judicial proceedings, including those of the International Court of Justice; and negotiations or other procedures for the settlement of disputes of a public international law character involving the Organization;

(vii) Study and analysis of specific legal disputes (territorial or treaty interpretation);

(viii) Formulation of statements of a legal nature for the Secretary-General, United Nations organs and subsidiary bodies, and in response to enquiries of legal issues of a public international law nature from Governments and missions of Governments;

(b) *Promotion of legal instruments*. Preparation and finalization of international agreements, constitutive instruments, rules of procedure and other legal texts required for the conduct of institutional or operational activities carried out by the United Nations in cooperation with Governments and/or other international intergovernmental organizations and institutions;

(c) *General legal advice and services*

(i) Legal advice on questions relating to the interpretation and application of the Charter of the United Nations, regulations and rules, multilateral or bilateral treaties and agreements, and United Nations resolutions and decisions, so as to ensure uniform and consistent practice of the law;

(ii) Advice on legal questions concerning privileges and immunities and the legal status of the Organization arising from activities of the United Nations, and the legal relationship with the Member States (and Missions), observer States, observer intergovernmental organizations and other observers;

(iii) Handling of questions relating to the credentials of representatives and representation in the United Nations, its organs and subsidiary bodies and United Nations conferences, as well as questions relating to the nature and scope of participation in those bodies by various categories of entities;

(d) *External relations*. Response to enquiries from institutions and the public of a legal nature.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Substantive services*

(i) Provision of legal advice, studies and analysis on specific legal issues of a public international law nature (such as human rights, environment, humanitarian law, narcotic drugs and the legal status of intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations);

(ii) Provision of oral or written advice on the interpretation and application of rules of procedures of organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations and United Nations conferences and their preparatory bodies, including overseeing and supervision of elections;

(iii) Representation of the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel at meetings and conferences convened by the United Nations or sponsored by Governments and international institutions;

(iv) Formulation of statements of a legal nature for the Secretary-General in response to enquiries from intergovernmental organizations, institutions and the public;

(b) *Technical (secretariat) services*

(i) Provision of secretariat services to organs and bodies dealing with subject-matters falling within the competence of the Office of the Legal Counsel, such as the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on Application for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements, and, as appropriate, ad hoc working groups of the Sixth Committee on matters falling within the competence of the Office of the Legal Counsel;

(ii) Preparation of notes and statements for the Chairmen, assistance to the bureaux in organizing their work, analysis and clarification of legal issues involved and preparation of reports and documents.

3. *Published material*

Recurrent publication. Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, Supplement No. 6 (vol. 1) in 1996.

4. *Operational activities*

(a) *Advisory services*. Assistance to States, including through the Trust Fund to Assist States in the Judicial Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice, in settling their legal disputes through the International Court of Justice, including application of the Statute, servicing the Panel of Experts and reporting to the Secretary-General and the General Assembly;

(b) *Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships*

(i) Presentation of papers and participation in meetings, symposia and conferences sponsored by United Nations organs, Governments, professional societies or international organizations on current or constitutional legal issues relating to the functions of the United Nations;

(ii) Provision of legal expertise and resource persons to training courses sponsored by Governments or international institutions for diplomats on subjects falling within the competence of the Office.

5. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Coordination of interdepartmental activities, liaison with organs of the United Nations dealing with legal matters, offices established away from Headquarters, legal advisors or liaison officers assigned to field missions or other Secretariat units, and with international and national organizations dealing with matters related to this programme budget section; representation at, and convening of, meetings with legal liaison officers and legal advisers of the specialized and related agencies on matters of common concern.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.26 The estimated requirements of $2,413,000, reflecting a negative growth of $789,900, would provide for the continuation of eight Professional and above and six General Service posts, reflecting the proposed

redeployment of one P-5, one P-3 and four General Service posts in connection with the establishment of a separate Executive Office.

Other staff costs

6.27 Resources for temporary assistance and overtime have been consolidated under the Executive Office.

Travel

6.28 The resources requested ($50,000) relate to travel of the Legal Counsel and other senior legal officers undertaken at the request of the Secretary-General for consultations with the regional commissions, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, and in connection with peace-keeping missions and United Nations meetings held away from Headquarters.

Contractual services

6.29 A reduced provision of $10,000 would meet the costs of printing the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, Supplement No. 6* (vol. I).

General operating expenses

6.30 The estimate of $28,900 would meet the cost of official functions ($6,200) and the maintenance of office automation equipment ($22,700). Resources identified for communication requirements have been redeployed to the Executive Office.

Supplies and materials

6.31 Estimated requirements of $4,300 reflect the redeployment of resources to the Executive Office and would cover the cost of data-processing supplies.

Equipment

6.32 A provision of $16,900 is proposed for costs relating to acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment and computer software.

Subprogramme 2
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Table 6.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 480.0	3 878.5	—	—	3 878.5	175.3	4 053.8
Other staff costs	927.3	704.4	(403.2)	(61.0)	274.2	13.2	287.4
Consultants and experts	—	55.6	189.1	340.1	244.7	11.8	256.5
Contractual services	1 197.0	1 031.7	(67.8)	(6.5)	963.9	46.5	1 010.4
General operating expenses	63.4	103.4	8.3	8.0	111.7	5.2	116.9
Supplies and materials	9.5	25.0	(12.4)	(49.6)	12.6	0.5	13.1
Furniture	—	—	218.7	—	218.7	10.6	229.3
Equipment	35.1	53.9	216.4	401.4	270.3	12.9	283.2
Total	**5 712.3**	**5 852.5**	**122.1**	**2.0**	**5 974.6**	**276.0**	**6 250.6**

Table 6.11 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Treaty Section

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
P-2/1	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**10**	**10**	—	—	—	—	**10**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Other levels	15	15	—	—	—	—	15	15
Total	**21**	**21**	—	—	—	—	**21**	**21**
Grand total	**31**	**31**	—	—	—	—	**31**	**31**

6.33 The three principal activities under the subprogramme, namely, the depositary functions of the Secretary-General, registration of international treaties and agreements and publication of the United Nations *Treaty Series* and its *Cumulative Index* are ongoing functions. Emphasis will be directed towards the fulfilment of this mandate in a timely fashion. In addition, the Treaty Section will continue to provide legal advice and assistance in treaty matters to Member States and other international organizations and private concerns as required.

6.34 Commencing in the current biennium, the contents of the publication *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General*, have been entered into a database and are now available internally, on line. The information is updated on a daily basis and is expected to be available to Member States and members of the international legal and diplomatic community commencing 1996-1997.

6.35 By the end of 1995 it is anticipated that the contents of the United Nations *Treaty Series* (over 1,500 volumes) will have been transferred onto optical disk, which will also be accessible to Member States and other interested parties. During 1996-1997, it is expected that the 204 volumes of the League of Nations *Treaty Series* will also be available on optical disk.

6.36 The super-automated index of all treaties registered since 1946, based on the data contained in the United Nations Treaty Information System (UNTIS) mainframe system, has been prepared during 1992-1993. Attempts during 1994 to convert this database onto CD-ROM disks were unsuccessful. The UNTIS system was designed and implemented as a mainframe-based system in 1975. It has become outmoded, uneconomical to maintain and inadequate.

6.37 To complete the computerization programme started in 1992 and to remedy the shortcomings of the UNTIS mainframe system it is proposed that the different components of the activities of the Treaty Section be integrated into one workflow process starting with the creation of the UNTIS database and ending with desktop publishing of the *Treaty Series*. Workflow automation focuses on electronically capturing all documents as soon as they are received from Governments and then moving the electronic images through the subsequent processing steps under intelligent computer control. A detailed analysis of the current procedures is under way with existing resources. Based on the results of this analysis, proposals for re-engineering the Section's workflow will be developed during 1995 in preparation for the mainframe system conversion during 1996-1997. These steps must be completed before production of the super-automated index can be taken up again.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Depositary services*

(i) Custody of 465 multilateral treaties and related instruments for which the Secretary-General performs depositary functions pursuant to final clauses therein, including processing and notification to all Member States and/or participating Governments and intergovernmental organizations of approximately 4,000 formalities during the biennium, comprising 3,200 actions (signatures, ratifications, accessions, successions, acceptances, declarations, reservations) and 800 circular notes concerning multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General; provision of information on the status of multilateral treaties to international organizations, individual Governments, units in the Secretariat and private concerns; establishment of certified true copies of multilateral treaties for Governments and intergovernmental organizations; and rectifications thereof as required;

(ii) Maintenance, on a daily basis, of the database of all depositary actions for on-line access by Member States and others;

(iii) Registration pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and processing of approximately 5,000 new treaties and international agreements and subsequent actions pertaining to more than 32,000 treaties and international agreements already registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat; and provision of information on the status of registered treaties to individual Governments, intergovernmental organizations, units in the Secretariat and private concerns;

(b) *General legal advice and services*. Provision of legal opinions, on all aspects of treaty law and depositary and registration practice to Governments, intergovernmental organizations, units in the Secretariat and private concerns.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications. Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General, Status as at 31 December 1995* (ST/Leg/Ser.E/14) and *Status as at 31 December 1996* (ST/Leg/Ser.E/15); 24 bilingual issues (English and French) of the monthly *Statement of Treaties and International Agreements* registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat (ST/Leg/Ser.A ...); 50 annual volumes of the United Nations *Treaty Series*; and volumes 22 and 23 of the *Cumulative Index* to the United Nations *Treaty Series* (English and French);

(b) *Technical material*. Creation and verification, as well as maintenance, of the United Nations Treaty Information System, which contains computerized information on all treaties and international agreements and the subsequent actions thereto, as registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat of the United Nations since 1946, including those registered with the former Secretariat of the League of Nations; certificates of registration, as well as various print-outs, compiled at the request of individual Governments, intergovernmental organizations, units in the Secretariat and private concerns; processing of approximately 250 requests for detailed information on depositary questions.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.38 Estimated requirements of $3,878,500, at maintenance base level, would provide for the continuation of 10 Professional and above and 21 General Service posts.

Other staff costs

6.39 An estimate of $274,200, reflecting a negative growth of $430,200, is proposed for temporary assistance ($251,500) and overtime requirements ($22,700) resulting from the increased volume of activity in treaty matters. The balance ($693,400) would be redeployed as described below for the UNTIS/LAN workflow system.

Consultants and experts

6.40 A provision of $244,700, including an increase of $189,100, is requested to cover the cost of consultant services in connection with the above-mentioned installation of the UNTIS/LAN workflow system. The resources would provide for technical expertise and assistance during the workflow development phase, paper file conversion and ongoing support during the implementation phase.

Contractual services

6.41 The estimated requirements of $963,900 relate to the following:

(a) A provision of $26,300 to support the changeover from manual copy preparation of the treaty series to desktop publishing within the Treaty Section, and the use of the new UNTIS/LAN system;

(b) An amount of $933,700 for external printing costs of 90 volumes of the United Nations *Treaty Series*, 4 volumes of the *Cumulative Index* to the *Treaty Series* and external binding of 4 volumes of the *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General*;

(c) A provision of $3,900 for acquisition and rental of software necessary to run the programme for the *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General*.

General operating expenses

6.42 The estimated requirements of $111,700 relate to: (a) $38,400 for rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment; (b) $6,800 for communications; (c) $66,500 for maintenance of office automation equipment, including 40 personal computers, 2 servers, 1 optical disk jukebox and 1 scanner.

Supplies and materials

6.43 An estimate of $12,600 would provide for the acquisition of backup tapes, backup CD-ROM disks and printer supplies.

Furniture

6.44 A new provision of $218,700 is proposed for furniture and fixtures in connection with the reorganization of the work area and the installation of modular workstations to accommodate optical disk computer equipment and to utilize storage space more efficiently.

Equipment

6.45 Estimated requirements of $270,300, reflecting a growth of $216,400, are proposed for the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment and software necessary to run the proposed UNTIS/LAN workflow system. The resources requested under this heading would provide for the purchase of a LAN server to support the required database, a high-end scanner with a sheet feeder to capture images of the legal instruments upon arrival in the Treaty Section, a high-quality printer to produce camera-ready proofs of those pages of the Treaty Series volumes which can be processed in the Treaty Section, as well as database management software to control the flow of data through the Section, optical character recognition software to convert the scanned images into machine readable text and Interleaf desktop publishing software to allow some parts of the volumes of the United Nations *Treaty Series* publication to be prepared for reproduction within the Section.

Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

Table 6.12 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 583.3	3 437.2	—	—	3 437.2	200.8	3 638.0
Other staff costs	31.2	6.4	—	—	6.4	0.3	6.7
Consultants and experts	0.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel	21.5	16.2	—	—	16.2	0.8	17.0
Contractual services	193.3	129.0	(19.0)	(14.7)	110.0	5.3	115.3
General operating expenses	21.4	23.7	—	—	23.7	1.0	24.7
Supplies and materials	6.8	6.7	(6.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Equipment	11.3	20.6	(3.0)	(14.5)	17.6	0.8	18.4
Grants and contributions	317.4	341.6	—	—	341.6	16.6	358.2
Total	**3 186.9**	**3 981.4**	**(28.7)**	**(0.7)**	**3 952.7**	**225.6**	**4 178.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
107.1	104.1	Trust Fund for the Seminar on International Law	187.8
4.9	8.7	Trust Fund for the Gilberto Amado Memorial Lecture	9.7
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
112.0	**112.8**	**Total**	**197.5**
3 298.9	**4 094.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**4 375.8**

Table 6.13 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Codification Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**14**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**14**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	**21**	**21**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**21**

6.46 During the forthcoming biennium, emphasis will continue to be placed on the four main goals of the United Nations Decade of International Law (1990-1999), namely, promoting the acceptance of and respect for the rule of the law by, *inter alia*, encouraging participation in international conventions, enhancing the protection of the security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, studying the question of an international criminal court, elaborating a draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind and enhancing international cooperation towards the elimination of international terrorism; encouraging the progressive development and codification of international law by formulating rules or guidelines on such topics as jurisdictional immunities of States and their property and the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses; promoting means and methods for the peaceful settlement of disputes between States through, *inter alia*, the establishment of a dispute-settlement service offering or responding with its services early in disputes; and encouraging the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law through issuance of publications on international law, the organization of seminars and the granting of fellowships.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Coordination, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 49/50 of 9 December 1994, of activities undertaken in the framework of the United Nations Decade of International Law by international organizations working in the field of international law.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the General Assembly on the United Nations Decade of International Law; on protection of diplomatic and consular missions; on international terrorism; on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property; on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; and other subjects as requested by the General Assembly. Preparation of a topical summary of the debate of the Sixth Committee for the International Law Commission and assistance to Special Rapporteurs of the Commission in preparing reports on such topics as State responsibility for internationally wrongful acts; international liability for injurious consequences arising out of acts not prohibited by international law; the draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind; the law and practice relating to reservations to treaties; and State succession in matters of nationality;

(b) *Substantive services*. Two sessions of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and its working groups; two sessions of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; two sessions of the International Law Commission; one session of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; and one plenipotentiary codification conference which the General Assembly may decide to convene during the biennium in order to consider the final draft adopted by the International Law Commission on the jurisdictional immunities of States and their property.

3. Published material

Recurrent publications. Four volumes of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*; two editions of the *Juridical Yearbook*; volumes 22 and 23 of the *Legislative Series* and volume XXII of the *United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards*.

4. Information materials and services

Booklets, pamphlets, factsheets, wallcharts, information kits: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions of *The Work of the International Law Commission*, 5th edition.

5. Operational activities

Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships. Thirty-two fellowships and 50 travel grants under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.47 The estimate of $3,437,200, at maintenance base level, would cover the cost of continuation of 14 Professional and above and 7 General Service posts.

Other staff costs

6.48 A provision of $6,400, at maintenance base level, is requested for overtime requirements within the Codification Division.

Travel

6.49 The estimated requirements of $16,200, at maintenance base level, relate to attendance by staff at meetings and conferences of United Nations organs and other bodies held away from Headquarters and meetings of regional bodies with which the International Law Commission has established formal links. The meetings and conferences at locations other than Headquarters are mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution on the statute of the Commission (resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947).

Contractual services

6.50 The estimated requirements of $110,000 relate to the external printing costs of two volumes of the *Juridical Yearbook*, two volumes of the *Legislative Series*, and one volume of the *United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards*.

General operating expenses

6.51 An estimate of $23,700, at maintenance base level, would provide for communications charges ($3,800) and for the maintenance of office automation equipment ($19,900).

Equipment

6.52 Resource requirements in the amount of $17,600 are requested to provide for the acquisition of office automation equipment ($11,200), including three personal computers, three Laserjet printers and software, as well as the replacement of four desktop computers and three deskjet printers ($6,400).

Subprogramme 4
General legal services to United Nations organs and programmes

Table 6.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 586.8	2 853.3	87.8	3.0	2 941.1	178.1	3 119.2
Other staff costs	2.9	33.1	—	—	33.1	1.4	34.5
Consultants and experts	24.7	62.4	(6.1)	(9.7)	56.3	2.4	58.7
Travel	—	8.8	(0.8)	(9.0)	8.0	0.4	8.4
Contractual services	17.2	195.7	(63.7)	(32.5)	132.0	6.4	138.4
General operating expenses	32.8	33.8	—	—	33.8	1.6	35.4
Supplies and materials	8.3	7.3	—	—	7.3	0.4	7.7
Equipment	18.1	44.3	(14.1)	(31.8)	30.2	1.6	31.8
Total	**2 690.8**	**3 238.7**	**3.1**	**0.1**	**3 241.8**	**192.3**	**3 434.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
		(i) United Nations organizations	
925.5	1 627.0	Support to extrabudgetary administrative structures	1 505.7
		(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	
	635.1	Peace-keeping operations	635.1
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
925.5	**2 262.1**	**Total**	**2 140.8**
3 616.3	**5 500.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**5 574.9**

Table 6.15 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: General Legal Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
P-5	4	4	—	—	2	2	6	6
P-4/3	5	6	—	—	3	2	8	8
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Total	**11**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**7**	**19**	**19**
General Service category								
Other levels	5	5	—	—	4	4	9	9
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**	**9**	**9**
Grand total	**16**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**11**	**28**	**28**

6.53 Legal services, including drafting and interpretation of various legal instruments, preparation of briefs, clarification of mandates, legal negotiations, legal representation and other legal assistance will be provided to the Organization and its organs with the object, in particular, of securing observance of the Organization's administrative law, enforcing its rights and defending it from claims. Particular emphasis is placed on providing legal support to peace-keeping, observer, humanitarian, good offices and similar missions undertaken by the Organization.

Activities

International cooperation

General legal advice and services. Legal advice and assistance with regard to agreements, contracts, leases, insurance, copyright and taxation; minimizing claims against the United Nations and protecting its legal rights, including representation in judicial and arbitral proceedings; assistance in the development of the administrative law of the United Nations and legal advice with regard to questions relating thereto, including financial, personnel and pension matters; representing the Secretary-General in cases brought under the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and provision of legal services with respect to cases before the Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements; and other general legal services to United Nations deliberative and operational bodies and secretariats.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.54 The estimate of $2,941,100 includes a growth of $87,800 and would cover the cost of the continuation of 11 Professional and above and 5 General Service posts and the addition of 1 new Professional post at the P-3 level. The proposed establishment of one P-3 post relates to the increased workload arising from greater demand for legal services, particularly in areas involving issues of commercial and administrative law.

Other staff costs

6.55 Estimated requirements of $33,100, at maintenance base level, would provide for temporary assistance of additional lawyers during times of peak workload, especially in cases of unforeseen mandates entrusted by the Security Council or the General Assembly to the Secretariat ($27,200); and overtime ($5,900).

Consultants and experts

6.56 The resources under this heading ($56,300) reflect savings of $6,100 and relate to the cost of outside counsel required in connection with activities for which special expertise is not available in the Secretariat, such as interpretation of local laws, contracts and leases, and for highly technical subjects or legal opinions on specialized financial matters.

Travel

6.57 The estimated requirements of $8,000 reflect savings of $800 and would cover consultations with legal officers at other duty stations for negotiation and preparation of claims and agreements; representation of the Organization at proceedings; provision of legal support to United Nations conferences, bodies and secretariats; orientation of counsel in connection with the interpretation of agreements and the resolution of disputes; and the representation of the Secretary-General before the United Nations Administrative Tribunal at its sessions at Geneva.

Contractual services

6.58 The estimate of $132,000 relates to the cost of subscriptions and usage fees in connection with the WESTLAW and LEXIS legal database services, which provide access to domestic and international legal materials and the judgements of the Administrative Tribunal.

General operating expenses

6.59 The estimated requirements of $33,800, at maintenance base level, would cover the cost of communications ($9,600) and maintenance of office automation equipment ($24,200) in the Division.

Supplies and materials

6.60 A provision of $7,300, at maintenance base level, is proposed for data-processing supplies.

Equipment

6.61 The estimated requirements of $30,200 relate to the acquisition of office automation equipment ($11,200) and the upgrading and replacement of data-processing equipment used by the Division ($19,000).

Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade

Table 6.16 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 513.3	2 910.0	—	—	2 910.0	319.7	3 229.7
Other staff costs	7.1	8.2	—	—	8.2	0.8	9.0
Consultants and experts	71.6	112.7	(11.1)	(9.8)	101.6	8.9	110.5
Travel	52.7	64.3	—	—	64.3	5.9	70.2
Equipment	36.2	64.2	(39.0)	(60.7)	25.2	2.2	27.4
Total	**2 680.9**	**3 159.4**	**(50.1)**	**(1.5)**	**3 109.3**	**337.5**	**3 446.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
222.5	193.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Symposia	193.0
—	—	Voluntary Fund to grant travel assistance to developing countries members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	10.0
		(c) Operational projects	
186.0	186.0	Bilateral sources	—
408.5	**379.0**	**Total**	**203.0**
3 089.4	**3 538.4**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**3 649.8**

Table 6.17 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: International Trade Law Branch

Established posts		Temporary posts					
Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above							
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	7	7	—	—	1	—	8	7
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**—**	**11**	**10**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	**17**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**—**	**18**	**17**

6.62 The objective of this subprogramme is the development of instruments that facilitate international trade and that accommodate the developing practices in trade. In this connection, legal texts dealing with the unification and harmonization of international trade will continue to be prepared. Future projects will continue to focus on the increasing use of electronic data interchange in commercial activities and on the special needs of developing countries, through training and assistance activities. The Secretariat receives guidance from and provides substantive services to UNCITRAL in respect of this subprogramme.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Promotion of legal instruments.* Missions to assist national legislative bodies in the implementation of UNCITRAL texts and to assist in the drafting of legislative texts or draft rules of non-governmental bodies, such as arbitration centres and procuring entities; briefings for government officials on the features and benefits of UNCITRAL texts, especially in developing countries and in newly independent "reform States" whose economies are in transition; seminars for users of UNCITRAL texts; establishment and maintenance of an electronic bulletin board on UNCITRAL legal texts, accessible through Internet and updated continuously; maintenance of the database for collecting court and arbitral decisions on UNCITRAL texts (Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT)), publication of abstracts of those decisions and monitoring of developments and trends in court and arbitration practice;

(b) *External relations.* Activities to coordinate the substance of work of various organizations within and outside of the United Nations, including by preparing reports to the Commission on the work of the organizations, by participating in meetings of international organizations and by otherwise maintaining close contact with those organizations, including OAS, OECD, the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States, the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council. (The last report on current activities of international organizations (A/CN.9/380) describes the work of 27 organizations on topics relating to international trade law.)

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Report of UNCITRAL on the work of its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions to the General Assembly; up to 12 reports to UNCITRAL on the Commission's intergovernmental working groups and up to 10 substantive reports on various subjects to be discussed and determined by the Commission; a report each year on training and assistance, status and promotion of UNCITRAL texts, coordination of work of other organizations and a bibliography of books and articles relating to the work of UNCITRAL; up to 4 reports to the Working Group on International Contract Practices; up to 4 reports to the Working Group on the New International Economic Order and the Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange;

(b) *Substantive services.* Two sessions of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly; two sessions of UNCITRAL; four sessions of the Working Group on Electronic Data Interchange; four sessions of the Working Group on International Contract Practices and four sessions of the Working Group on the New International Economic Order;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work.* Two meetings of the Ad hoc Expert Group on Electronic Data Interchange on topics related to legal issues relative to electronic data exchange; two meetings of the Ad hoc Expert Group on International Contract Practices on unresolved legal issues in international contract practices; and two meetings of the Ad hoc Expert Group on the New International Economic Order on legal issues in international trade law of special interest to developing countries.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications. Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law,* vols 26 and 27; book on UNCITRAL, second edition; *Register of Texts of Conventions and other Instruments,* vol. III; reprinting of the *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law,* vols. I (1968-1970), VII (1976), VIII (1977), X (1979) and XVII (1986);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* Model Law on Legal Aspects of Electronic Data Interchange and Related Means of Communication (including Guide to Enactment); Guide for Preparatory Conferences: practice notes on planning arbitral proceedings; Judicial Cooperation in Cross-border Insolvency; Brochure on the Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958); Book on Recommended Materials for Teaching Commercial Law; Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts (CLOUT), vols. 1: Abstracts on the Model Law on Arbitration, 1992-1996; 2: Abstracts on the United Nations Sales Convention and the Limitation Convention, 1992-1996, and

3: Abstracts on the Hamburg Rules, 1992-1996; reprinting of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules; UNCITRAL Legal Guide on Drawing Up International Contracts for the Construction of Industrial Works; UNCITRAL Legal Guide on International Countertrade Transactions; UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration; Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hamburg, 1978); Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (New York, 1974); United Nations Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade (Vienna, 1991); Brochure on the Convention on Bank Guarantees (including introductory note); Guide to Recognition and Enforcement under the 1958 New York Convention; Uniform Law on Electronic Documents of Title (including Guide to Enactment); Access and Recognition in Cross-Border Insolvency; and reprinting of the Model Law on Procurement of Goods, Construction and Services and Guide to Enactment, UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules, the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978 (the Hamburg Rules), the United Nations Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes and the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Credit Transfers.

4. Information materials and services

Promotion of awareness of the results of work of the Commission is intended to reach a much wider audience than legislators. Such promotion is carried out by lectures to groups of practitioners, academics and law students at Vienna, as well as at other places, as part of the programmes organized by other professional, academic, non-governmental or intergovernmental organizations (approximately 24 times per year); mailings of documents; maintaining contact with national or international agencies that are interested in publicizing UNCITRAL texts; press releases; participation as moderators and arbitrators in an annual moot at Vienna; and other similar events.

5. Operational activities

Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships. A five-day symposium on international trade law at Vienna in 1997; approximately 30 seminars or workshops in various developing countries for ministry officials, judges, academics and professionals concerning texts of the Commission.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination of activities between programmes within the United Nations, including UNDP, the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/GATT), the World Bank, the Committee on Services of UNCTAD, the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures of the Economic Commission for Europe and the regional commissions.

7. Conference services

Library services. Maintenance of the UNCITRAL Law Library.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.63 Estimated requirements of $2,910,000, at maintenance base level, would cover the cost of established posts, including 10 Professional and above and 7 General Service posts.

Other staff costs

6.64 A provision of $8,200, at maintenance base level, would provide for overtime requirements.

Consultants and experts

6.65 The estimated requirements of $101,600 would provide for consultancy services which will be required in connection with two reports to UNCITRAL in the area of international contract practices and electronic data interchange ($29,400), as well as the convening of six meetings of an ad hoc study group on the legal implications of various topics, including international contract practices and the new international economic order.

Travel

6.66 Estimated requirements of $64,300, at maintenance base level, would provide for attendance at meetings of other organizations that relate directly to the work of UNCITRAL as the core legal body in the coordination of the work of other organizations in the field of international trade law; for attendance at regional seminars to provide substantive support; and for travel in connection with the promotion of the adoption of UNCITRAL texts by national legislation.

Equipment

6.67 The estimate of $25,200 would cover the cost of purchasing three new personal computers, one Laserjet printer, one flatbed scanner with sheet feeder, one server disk drive and additional software; and would provide for the replacement of existing office automation equipment including software.

2. Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Table 6.18 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 850.1	6 502.7	(746.2)	(11.4)	5 756.5	331.8	6 088.3
Other staff costs	81.2	2.5	(2.4)	(96.0)	0.1	—	0.1
Consultants and experts	117.0	297.3	(28.6)	(9.6)	268.7	12.9	281.6
Travel	411.1	210.2	(62.7)	(29.8)	147.5	6.7	154.2
Contractual services	37.0	80.6	(11.0)	(13.6)	69.6	3.5	73.1
General operating expenses	739.5	550.1	(545.1)	(99.0)	5.0	0.2	5.2
Supplies and materials	57.4	37.5	(21.9)	(58.4)	15.6	0.9	16.5
Equipment	22.4	283.6	(40.7)	(14.3)	242.9	11.8	254.7
Total	**6 315.7**	**7 964.5**	**(1 458.6)**	**(18.3)**	**6 505.9**	**367.8**	**6 873.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
53.3	42.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law — The Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship	40.0
4.1	—	Trust Fund for Special Aspects of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	—
20.3	129.6	Trust Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Participating in the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	—
32.5	120.5	Special Account for the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for Pioneer Investors' Application Fees	—
—	—	(c) Operational Projects	—
110.2	**292.1**		**40.0**
6 425.9	**8 256.6**		**6 913.7**

Table 6.19 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	4	3	—	—	—	—	4	3
P-5	5	6	—	—	—	—	5	6
P-4/3	7	8	—	—	—	—	7	8
P-2/1	6	5	—	—	—	—	6	5
Total	**23**	**23**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**23**	**23**
General Service category								
Other levels	14	13	—	—	—	—	14	13
Total	**14**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**13**
Grand total	**37**	**36**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**37**	**36**

Overview

6.68 The programme of activities in this section follows the strategy in programme 10 of the medium-term plan. With the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the adoption by the General Assembly of the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention in 1994 (resolution 48/263), the programme of activities in the biennium is aimed at the efficient transition to the post-entry-into-force phase, by combining the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General upon the adoption of the Convention and the functions consequent upon the entry into force of the Convention.

6.69 The overall objective of the programme is to foster international peace and security through strengthening the international legal order for the seas and oceans established by the Convention by means of activities aimed at the widest possible acceptance of the Convention and the Agreement, their uniform and consistent application and their effective implementation, as well as activities aimed at advising and assisting States in order to enable them to benefit fully from the international legal regime in the light of their rights and obligations arising therefrom.

6.70 The focus and priorities of the activities, pursuant to the mandate provided by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/28 of 6 December 1994, will be on the provision of coordinated information, advice and assistance to States through monitoring, analysis and reporting on developments relating to the law of the sea and ocean affairs; the provision of services to States, including depositary services, advisory services and training, in their efforts to implement the Convention and to develop and strengthen capabilities and infrastructures to apply the framework provided by the Convention for national, subregional, regional and global action; the facilitation of peaceful settlement of disputes; and the establishment and servicing of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

6.71 The Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will cease to exist after the conclusion of the first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority. The first session of the Assembly will be concluded in August 1995. Thus, with the cessation of the Preparatory Commission, there are no activities relating to it in the biennium 1996-1997. In this connection, the office

of the Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea at Kingston will be discontinued and accompanying resources will no longer be required.

Subprogramme 1
Promoting uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and providing advice and information to States

6.72 With the entry into force of the Convention and pursuant to the mandates provided by the General Assembly during its forty-ninth session in resolution 49/28, the objective of this subprogramme will be the promotion of the widest possible acceptance of the Convention and the Agreement, their uniform and consistent application and their effective implementation. Member States will be assisted in a better understanding of the provisions of the Convention, as well as in their efforts to apply the Convention and to address the implications of its entry into force. Their needs for coordinated information and advice will be addressed through the development and operation of a centralized system of integrated databases, *inter alia*, on marine legislation and marine policy, as well as by intensifying general legal advice and other advisory services and by focusing dissemination of information on national, regional and international developments in the law of the sea and ocean affairs. Specialized depositary services, as required under the Convention, will be strengthened. Peaceful settlement of disputes will also be facilitated, as required by the Convention.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices and fact-finding*. Providing advice and assistance to States in dispute settlement through, *inter alia*, administering and supporting the conciliation and arbitration procedures for the resolution of disputes, as required under the Convention; and monitoring potential conflict areas;

(b) *Promotion of legal instruments*. Promoting the universal acceptance of the Convention and the Agreement, their uniform and consistent application and their effective implementation through, among other means: monitoring the level of acceptance of the Convention and the Agreement and dissemination of information thereon; collection, compilation and dissemination of information on multilateral and bilateral treaties and other legal instruments, national legislation, as well as decisions of national and international courts and tribunals, related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs; provision of coordinated information and advice on marine legislation and marine policy through the development, in cooperation with relevant international organizations, of a centralized system with integrated databases; and establishment of a system for notifying States and relevant international organizations and bodies of information of general interest;

(c) *Depositary services*. As required by the Convention, maintenance and development of the facilities for the deposit by States of maps, charts and geographic coordinates concerning national maritime zones, and of the system for their recording and publicity, including a cartographic system; and, as required, giving due publicity to such information;

(d) *General legal advice and services*. Upon request, legal research and analysis and legal advice and services on the law of sea and ocean affairs to States and entities.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Seven reports to the General Assembly, two on developments pertaining to the implementation of the Convention and other developments relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including peaceful settlement of disputes; four dealing with specific topics of current interest; and one on the impact of the entry into force of the Convention on related existing or proposed instruments and programmes throughout the United Nations system.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Two issues of the *Bibliography of the Law of the Sea*; six issues of the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*; and two issues of the *Practice of States*;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. A combined version of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention; and a guide to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

(c) *Technical material*. Provision of specialized data and information services in computer-generated formats on the status of the Convention and the Agreement, multilateral and bilateral treaties and other legal instruments, and national legislation; and periodic newsletters on current developments.

4. Information materials and services

Development and dissemination of promotional and educational material on the Convention and the Agreement and support for activities of United Nations bodies, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions for the purpose of promoting the Convention.

5. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Advisory services to States on, *inter alia*, issues related to the ratification and implementation of the Convention and the Agreement, harmonizing national legislation with the provisions of the Convention and drafting rules and regulations to implement such legislation; and provision of advice on the uniform and consistent application of the Convention through participation in meetings and conferences;

(b) *Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships*. Regular and ad hoc briefings on the law of the sea; one workshop on the Convention and related international instruments and harmonization of national marine legislation; and award of two Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowships on the Law of the Sea.

6. Conference services

Library services. Maintaining and developing the specialized reference collection on the law of the sea and bibliographic database.

Subprogramme 2
Assisting marine policy development and integrated ocean management by States in the context of the comprehensive ocean regime

6.73 In the light of the rights and obligations arising from the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Member States, especially developing States, will be assisted in the implementation of the Convention and in developing and strengthening their capabilities in order to enable them to benefit fully from the legal regime for the seas and oceans established by the Convention. To this end, advisory and training services will be provided. For the sustainable development of ocean resources in the context of the international ocean regime, priority will be given to the needs of States for specialized data and information for developing integrated national, subregional or regional information systems on marine areas within national jurisdiction and for putting in place appropriate legislative frameworks.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Promotion of legal instruments. Advice and assistance to States in their efforts to develop appropriate legislative frameworks, as well as to effect international cooperation at the subregional and regional levels, for the sustainable development of ocean resources and for fulfilling their obligations under the Convention and related instruments.

2. Parliamentary services

Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work. One session of a subsidiary body of UNESCO/IOC; two sessions of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection and one session each of its two working groups; one session of the Guiding Group of Experts on Ocean Science in Relation to Non-living Resources (United Nations/IOC); two sessions of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts Advisory Board (United Nations/IOC/FAO/UNEP); and one expert group meeting on the specialized data and information needed by States to develop integrated national, subregional or regional information systems on marine areas within national jurisdiction for the sustainable development of ocean resources in the context of the international ocean regime.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications.* A handbook on specialized data and information needed to develop integrated national, subregional or regional information systems for the sustainable development of ocean resources within national jurisdiction in the context of the international ocean regime;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* In cooperation with relevant organizations, a report on the assessment of the availability and utilization of information infrastructures in developing countries for the sustainable development of ocean resources within national jurisdiction to realize benefits from the international ocean regime; a report on the requirements for the establishment of the appropriate legislative frameworks to assist States in the sustainable development of ocean resources within national jurisdiction and in fulfilling their obligations under the Convention and related instruments; and two reports of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection;

(c) *Technical material.* Abstracts for the inter-agency monthly publication *Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts*.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services. Advisory services to States in studying the impact of the entry into force of the Convention in the light of their rights and obligations arising therefrom, and on developing and strengthening their capabilities in order to enable them to benefit fully from the legal regime for the seas and oceans established by the Convention; advisory services to States in developing programmes and activities, taking specific account of the impact of the entry into force of the Convention; and provision of advice to States on issues related to the full realization of benefits by States under the Convention through participation in meetings and conferences.

Subprogramme 3
Support to organizations within the United Nations system and harmonization of marine affairs activities in the context of the Convention

6.74 The impact of the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on related existing or proposed instruments and programmes throughout the United Nations system will be addressed. Activities will be carried out to ensure that organizations within the United Nations system cooperate fully in the implementation of the programme of activities on the law of the sea and ocean affairs, as required under General Assembly resolution 49/28. Harmonization and liaison activities and advisory services will focus on assisting international organizations in assessing the implications of the entry into force of the Convention in their respective fields of competence and in identifying additional measures that may need to be taken as a consequence, with a view to ensuring a uniform, consistent and coordinated approach to the implementation of the provisions of the Convention throughout the United Nations system.

Activities

1. International cooperation

General legal advice and services. Legal research and analysis, and legal advice and services on the law of sea and ocean affairs upon the request of the Secretary-General, units of the Secretariat, other organs and organizations of the United Nations system, other global, regional and subregional organizations and non-governmental organizations.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Contributions to documentation for the General Assembly and the Commission on Sustainable Development related to chapter 17 of Agenda 21, Protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources; documentation for conferences of parties to related global and regional conventions; and studies, reports and information notes for sessions of intergovernmental and expert bodies of the United Nations system on issues related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs;

(b) *Substantive services*. Support to the servicing of the 1996 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development related to chapter 17 of Agenda 21 and intergovernmental meetings held as follow-up to chapter 17 of Agenda 21; and support to the servicing of conferences of parties to related global and regional conventions.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Periodic reviews containing selected documents related to the law of the sea emanating from organizations active in the marine sector;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. Publication containing supplementary material provided by relevant organizations in the preparation of the report on the impact of the entry into force of the Convention on related existing and proposed instruments and programmes.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services. Advisory services to organizations of the United Nations system and other subregional, regional and global organizations on the implications of the Convention provisions for existing legal instruments or legal instruments under development in their specific areas of competence and in developing programmes and activities, taking specific account of the impact of the entry into force of the Convention.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Inter-organizational cooperation within the United Nations system within the framework of the Inter-secretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes Relating to Oceanography, the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas, and the Inter-agency Advisory Committee on Sustainable Development in relation to the follow-up to Agenda 21, particularly chapter 17 thereof;

(b) Inter-organizational cooperation within the framework of the Inter-secretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes Relating to Oceanography, for the development of arrangements including the preparatory work for the International Year of the Ocean, to be held in 1998;

(c) Contributions to joint inter-agency expert and other bodies, and to joint inter-agency programmes;

(d) In order to achieve a cohesive approach to the Convention, collaborative endeavours, with the regional commissions, specialized agencies and other organizations in such areas as shipping and navigation (IMO, UNCTAD); navigational safety, offshore platforms (IMO); marine environmental protection (IMO, IAEA, UNESCO/IOC, UNEP); maritime labour (ILO); marine scientific research (IOC); marine technology transfer (UNIDO, UNESCO/IOC); marine living resources (FAO); marine non-living resources (IOC); and coastal area management (IOC, UNEP);

(e) Development of cooperative arrangements with intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system, including those at the regional and subregional levels, and with non-governmental organizations in matters related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs.

Subprogramme 4
Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and support to the future Authority and Tribunal

6.75 With the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the commencement of the functioning of the International Seabed Authority, the activities related to the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will be discontinued. A relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Seabed Authority is to be concluded. The establishment of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will also be facilitated. A relationship agreement between the United Nations and the Tribunal is to be finalized. It is anticipated that support will be provided to the new institutions.

Subprogramme 5
Servicing the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf established by the Convention and other intergovernmental bodies, and execution of additional responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Convention

6.76 The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea establishes a number of additional functions for the Secretary-General that are likely to be required during the biennium. These include the preparation for and establishment of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. Activities include preparing draft rules of procedure for the Commission, formulating geophysical, bathometric and sedimentological criteria; and, thereafter, convening and servicing the Commission and necessary meetings of States parties, presenting reports on issues of a general nature that have risen with respect to the Convention and fulfilling notifications and related requirements under the Convention. A database will be developed to facilitate the work of the Commission and to promote the rational implementation by States and international organizations of the provisions of the Convention related to the continental shelf. The preparation of standards and procedures for implementation will also be undertaken.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Promotion of legal instruments. Promoting the implementation of the provisions of the Convention related to the continental shelf through, *inter alia*, the preparation of standards and procedures for their implementation; and the establishment and development of a database on the continental shelf integrating, *inter alia*, existing scientific and technical data in the fields of marine geology, geophysics, geochemistry and hydrography pertaining to the application of the provisions of the Convention related to the continental shelf and dissemination of information therefrom.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. As required under the Convention, reports to States parties, the International Seabed Authority and competent international organizations on issues of a general nature which have arisen with respect to the Convention, and on the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf;

(b) *Substantive services*. Convening and servicing of a meeting of States parties to the Convention for the purpose of the establishment of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; convening and servicing the first and the second sessions of the Commission.

3. Published material

(a) *Non-recurrent publications*. Brochure describing the regime of the continental shelf under the Convention;

(b) *Technical material*. Provision of specialized data and information services in computer-generated formats on the limits of the continental shelf.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with relevant organizations, in particular the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the International Hydrographic Organization, in relation to the work of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.77 The redeployment of one General Service post to the Executive Office and the downgrading of one D-1 post to the P-5 level, partly offset by the upgrading of one P-2 post to the P-3 level for the position of Librarian in the Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea Library and Reference Collection, is proposed. The bulk of the reduction is attributable to the elimination of a provision for posts in the Kingston office of the Division, which were abolished in 1995.

Other staff costs

6.78 A provision of $100, reflecting a negative growth of $2,400, is proposed for overtime requirements.

Consultants and experts

6.79 Estimated requirements of $268,700 relate to expert assistance needed in connection with the preparation of reports to the General Assembly dealing with specialized topics covered in the Convention; general legal advice and other advisory services on the legal and administrative implications of implementing the Convention; development of a centralized system with integrated databases on marine legislation and policy; and a handbook on specialized data and information needed for information systems for the sustainable development of ocean resources and a number of other reports and services.

Travel

6.80 The estimated requirements of $147,500, reflecting a reduction of $62,700, relate to travel of staff to the meetings of organizations of the United Nations system and other organizations, in connection with the implementation and promotion of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ($76,200) as well as travel in connection with substantive servicing of expert groups and participation in inter-agency activities, including those relating to Agenda 21 ($71,300). The reduction is the result of the discontinuation of the sessions of the Preparatory Commission.

Contractual services

6.81 A provision of $69,600 would meet the cost of printing a handbook and other studies.

General operating expenses

6.82 The estimate of $5,000, reflecting a negative growth of $545,100, relates to communications ($4,600) and maintenance of office automation equipment ($400). The negative growth relates to the closure of the office at Kingston.

Supplies and materials

6.83 The provision of $15,600 would cover the cost of library books for the maintenance of the law of the sea reference collection. This collection is a central source of information for Member States, universities, legal practitioners and others.

Equipment

6.84 The requested amount of $242,900 would cover the cost of acquisition of data-processing equipment ($225,300) and replacement of office automation equipment ($17,600).

C. Programme support

Table 6.20 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	—	884.1	—	884.1	41.3	925.4
Other staff costs	—	—	71.7	—	71.7	3.4	75.1
General operating expenses	—	—	48.4	—	48.4	2.3	50.7
Supplies and materials	—	—	4.0	—	4.0	0.1	4.1
Equipment	—	—	14.4	—	14.4	0.8	15.2
Total	**—**	**—**	**1 022.6**	**—**	**1 022.6**	**47.9**	**1 070.5**

Table 6.21 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Executive Office

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P/5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
P-4/3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	**—**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**
General Service category								
Other levels	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Total	**—**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**
Grand total	**—**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**

6.85 The Executive Office would be shown as a separate entity, reflecting its administrative support role to the entire Office of Legal Affairs, while reporting directly to the Legal Counsel. The establishment of the Executive Office as a distinct organizational unit would result in the bringing together of staff providing administrative support, as well as the consolidating of some of the resources related to overall departmental support. In this connection, it is proposed that the resource requirements for the Executive Office be redeployed from the Office of the Legal Counsel.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

6.86 The estimated requirements of $884,100 would provide for the two Professional and above (one P-5 and one P-3) and four General Service posts redeployed from the Office of the Legal Counsel, as well as the redeployment of one General Service post from the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea to augment the complement of staff required to support the integrated administration.

Other staff costs

6.87 An estimate of $71,700 would provide for the temporary replacement of staff on extended sick leave or maternity leave and additional staff during peak workload periods ($54,500); and for overtime during periods of peak workload and unforeseen urgencies, as well as coverage of meetings ($17,200).

General operating expenses

6.88 A provision of $48,400 would cover the cost of electronic mail, long distance telephone and facsimile charges and other communications requirements of the Office ($20,500), as well as provide for maintenance of office automation equipment ($27,900).

Supplies and materials

6.89 The estimated requirements of $4,000 would provide for data-processing supplies.

Equipment

6.90 An estimate of $14,400 is proposed for data-processing equipment ($5,900), as well as the purchase of new computers and software ($6,000) and the replacement of office automation equipment ($2,500).